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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEES

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- 1. EMBASSY APPRECIATIVE OF RECIEPT OF REFTEL WHICH LED TO DISCOVERY THAT WHILE NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN NAMED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MEETINGS IN AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND PROBABLY LONGER. PRIMARY REASONS FOR INACTIVITY OF THIS COMMITTEE APPEAR TO BE (A) NUMEROUS CHANGES IN MISSION PERSONNEL (NOT ONE OF SEVEN-MEMBER COMMITTEE IS STILL AT POST), AND (B) PREVIOUS LACK OF INTEREST AND COOPERATION ON PART OF GOES IN NARCOTICS MATTERS.
- 2. GOES HAS RECENTLY FORMED FIFTEEN-MEMBER NARCOTICS UNIT IN NATIONAL POLICE AND HAS INDICATED INCREASING INTEREST IN DEALING WITH NARCOTICSTRAFFICKING AND USE. EMBASSY FEELS THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE CAN AND WILL PERFORM USEFUL, EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO NARCOTIS CONTROL EFFORT.
- 3. NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED NOV. 28 COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

CHAIRMAN - HERBERT T. MITCHELL, CHIEF, POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SECTION AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

TERRY HANSEN, CHIEF, CONSULAR SECTION

RUTH VERDIN, CHIEF, ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

COL. HOLLAND, CHIEF, MILITARY GROUP

LT. COL. WALKER, DATT

VYTAUTAS DAMBRAVA, PAO

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED DEC. 1 AND WILL HOLD
MEETINGS EVERY TWO WEEKS IN FUTURE. AFTER REASONABLE
PERIOD OF OPERATION, REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH EVALUATION
OF EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMITTEE AND ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

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